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He is a 2012 graduate of Haughton High School.

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Alexander C. Morris

Navy Seaman Alexander C. Morris, a 2011 graduate of Parkway High School, and other fellow Sailors from the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis watched the rock band "Taking Back Sunday" perform a concert in the ship's hangar bay while forward deployed to the 5th Fleet Area Of Responsibility.

The visit, sponsored by Navy Entertainment, gave band members Eddie Reyes (rhythm guitar), Adam Lazzara (lead vocals), John Nolan (lead guitar), Shaun Cooper (bass guitar), and Mark O'Connell (drums) a chance to experience aircraft carrier operations at sea as well as entertain Sailors and thank them for their sacrifice.

This is the first time the band has performed on an aircraft carrier. While on board, they spent time touring various spaces, visiting with Sailors and signing autographs. The band played a number of songs including "Liar, " "Make Damn Sure" and "You're So Last Summer."

The John C. Carrier Stennis Strike Group, consisting of Stennis, Carrier Air Wing 9, Destroyer Squadron 21, and guided-missile cruiser USS Mobile Bay (CG 53) are forward deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet AOR to strengthen regional partnerships, sustain maritime security, and support combatant commander requirements for assets in the area.

Morris joined the Navy in January 2012.

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